Supply of coal from Singareni collieries

553. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much coal did Singareni collieries supply to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board till now since the commissioning of the first unit of 210 MW in December, 1986;

(b) how much coal should have been supplied as per agreement between the parties concerned;

(c) what has been the shortfall in the supply;

(d) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Electricity Board rushed coal from Ennore Thermal Plant to Mettur to keep it running; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken by Singareni collieries to supply coal adequately to Mettur Thermal Plant in future?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) The first 210 MW unit of Mattur Thermal Power Station of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board was commissioned in December, 1986, and started its commerical operation in the 2nd week of February, 1987, Mettur TPS is linked with Singareni Collieries. The linkage and supply of coal to this unit is as under:

Month	Linkage	Supply	Percentage
	(in lakh tonnes)		
December'86	0.40	0.27	68%
January'87	0.40	03.4	85%

No agreement has been entered into between SCCL and TNEB in regard to supply of coal to Mettur.

(e) An Inter-departmental Meeting was held on 20-2-1987 to discuss the matter regarding coal supply to Meetur and Ennore Thermal Power Stations of TNEB in which additional sources of supply of coal for Ennore TPS were identified, thus enabling the increased coal supplies to Ennore TPS to the extent of 75,000 tonnes per month over and above its existing linkage of 1,95,000 tonnes. With this increased availability, the requirements of both Ennore and Mettur T.P.S. are proposed to be met.

मध्य प्रदेश में पेट्रो-रसायन काम्पलेक्स का स्थापित किया जाना

554. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने बाम्बे हाई से उपलब्ध प्राकृतिक गैस से मध्य प्रदेश में एक पेट्रो रसायन काम्पलेक्स की स्थापना किए जाने की मांग की थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने क्रेकिंग और डाऊनस्ट्रीम उद्योगों के लिए गैस के आवंटन का अनुरोध किया है ।

(ख) एच० बी० जे० पाइपलाइन से लेजाई जाने वाली साउथ गैस में से एल० पी० जी० तथा कुछ पेट्रो-रसायन फ्रेक्शन निकालने का प्रस्ताव है । संयंत्र के स्थान के बारे में अभी निर्णय किया जाना है ।

Complaints against gas agencies

555. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints against Nav Yug Gas Agency Gole Market, New Delhi and Rakant

Gas Agency Pandav Nagar for not supplying LPG cylinder to the customers in time;

(b) if so, whether any complaint for supply of under weight LPG cylinder by the said company has also come to the notice of Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the complaints are being hushed up at the lower level; and

(d) if the reply to the parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what steps Government propose to take against these agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BARAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. While complaints received against M|s Nav Yug Gas Agency mostly related to delay in supply of LPG refills, these against Rakant Gas Agency alleged supply of underweight cyclinders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The oil Marketing companies have issued Caution|Warning Letters to the concerned LPG distributors. The working of these distributorships is being closely monitored by the Companies concerned.

Autonomy to public sector undertakings

556. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI YALLA SESI-
BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give more autonomy to the public sector undertakings so as to make them accountable to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme to achieve this objective; and

(c) whether any guidelines have been framed to prevent interference in day-to-day working of the public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The Government is of the view that the public enterprises at present enjoy sufficient degree of autonomy required for them to function as commercial organisations commensurate with their accountability and the Government's own accountability to Parliament. However, in a fast changing situation, the adequancy or otherwise of the autonomy is under constant review.

(c) All the Administrative Ministries| Departments have been advised that they should not interfere in areas of the decision making which are well within the delegated powers of the public enterprises.

Dismissal of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Burn Standard Company

557. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI YALLA SESI-
BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the public sector undertaking, Burn Standard Company, has recently been dismissed from service by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CMD was dismissed as he was found guilty of certain charges in disciplinary proceedings conducted against him. The matter is however, *sub-judice*, in Calcutta High Court.